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Type of hearing - removing the Social Security Death Index

Sirs:

Birth and death have long been a matter of public record. The social security death index is virtually the only tool we have to determine birth and death dates in many areas. Removing this service from the public is not only complete ridiculous but a violations of our rights without a valid reason. This is not where with privacy pirates get their information anyway. These records are for the deceased and not the living.

I do an awful lot of indexing of records so the public can research their family histories. I was the 2008 Texas State Genealogy Societies volunteer of the year. I digitize records for the public every day. I have digitized many thousands of documents. I have digitized over 97,000 for family search.org. alone

There is absolutely no just cause for the attempt of this action and is an infringement of our rights. There is nothing illegal about our use of the Social Security Death index. This is merely a misguided attempt by those in power who have no real idea what they are talking about that are attempting to take unnecessary and in our opinion a violation of the freedom of information laws.